

## **MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS**

**U.S. Embassy, Manila, The Philippines**

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*THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD.*

### **Eligible Voter Primary Information for**

**Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, and Virginia**

**Please scroll down to your state, or go to [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) and select your state.**

#### **Maine Primary Election on June 10**

Maine will hold its primary election on June 10. If you are a Maine resident and want to vote in the primary, you must be registered and request your ballot before the election. If you live outside Maine and need to register to vote absentee, you can do so using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) available at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). If you complete and return this form, Maine will register you as an absentee voter and send you your ballot for all elections this year.

Detailed information is available at the following website: [www.fvap.gov/maine](http://www.fvap.gov/maine), along with the FPCA. If you are registered and have not received your absentee ballot by May 11, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to vote. The form is also available at [www.fvap.gov/maine](http://www.fvap.gov/maine).

#### **Nevada Primary Election on June 10**

The State of Nevada will hold its primary election on June 10. If you are a Nevada resident and want to vote in the primary, you must be registered by May 20. If you live outside Nevada and need to register to vote absentee, you can do so using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) available at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). If you complete and return this form, you will be registered to vote and will receive an absentee ballot for all elections immediately following the date the county clerk received the FPCA.

If you are already registered in Nevada, you must request your ballot by June 3 if you want to vote in the primary. You can request an absentee ballot using the FPCA available at [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov).

Detailed information is available at the following website: <http://www.fvap.gov/Nevada>. If you are registered and do not receive your absentee ballot by May 11, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) to vote. The form is also available at <http://www.fvap.gov/Nevada>.

### **North Dakota Primary Election on June 10**

The State of North Dakota will hold its primary election on June 10. If you are a North Dakota resident living outside your voting jurisdiction and wish to vote in the primary you must request your absentee ballot by June 9.

You may request a ballot by completing, signing and sending the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) to your local election official. You may also use North Dakota's online portal at <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/absentee/> to request, receive and review options for returning your ballot.

By submitting an FPCA or using North Dakota's online portal to make your request, you will receive ballots for all regularly scheduled Federal elections in 2014.

Detailed information is available at the following website: [www.fvap.gov/north-dakota](http://www.fvap.gov/north-dakota), along with the FPCA. If you do not receive your absentee ballot by May 11, use the Federal Write-In Ballot (FWAB) to vote. The FWAB is also available at [www.fvap.gov/north-dakota](http://www.fvap.gov/north-dakota).

### **South Carolina Primary Election on June 10**

The State of South Carolina will hold its primary election on June 10. If you are a South Carolina resident and want to vote in the primary, you must be registered by May 10. If you live outside your election jurisdiction and need to register to vote absentee, you can do so using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) available at [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov). If you complete and return this form, South Carolina will register you as an absentee voter and send you your ballot for all elections this year.

If you are already registered in South Carolina, you must request your ballot by 5pm ET, June 9 if you want to vote in the primary.

Detailed information is available at the following website: <http://www.fvap.gov/south-carolina>, along with the FPCA. If you are registered and have not received your absentee ballot by May 11, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to vote. The form is also available at: <http://www.fvap.gov/south-carolina>.

An Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) ballot will be provided simultaneously with the primary ballot. Complete the IRV at the same time as voting your election ballot and it will be tabulated in the event that there is a runoff election. The runoff election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24 and will be held if no candidate receives the majority of the votes cast for an office in the regular primary election.

Further information can be found at:

[http://manage.scvotes.org/2008/08/11/military\\_overseas\\_citizens](http://manage.scvotes.org/2008/08/11/military_overseas_citizens) .

## **Virginia Primary Election on June 10**

The State of Virginia will hold its primary election on June 10. If you are a Virginia resident and want to vote in the primary, you must be registered by May 19. If you live outside your election jurisdiction and need to register to vote absentee, you can do so using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) available at [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov). If you complete and return this form, Virginia will register you as an absentee voter and send you your ballot for all elections this year.

If you are already registered in Virginia, you must request your ballot by June 3 if you want to vote in the primary.

Detailed information is available at the following website: <http://www.fvap.gov/virginia>, along with the FPCA. If you are registered and have not received your absentee ballot by May 11, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to vote. The form is also available at: <http://www.fvap.gov/virginia>.

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The Embassy is located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines and is open 0730-1600, Monday through Friday. The Embassy's main telephone number is (+632) 301-2000. U.S. citizens can dial this number and ask to be connected to the American Citizen Services (ACS) unit or with the Embassy Duty Officer (for calls outside of normal business hours). You can also contact the ACS unit through email at [ACSInfoManila@state.gov](mailto:ACSInfoManila@state.gov) or through the [Embassy Facebook page](#). Please visit [our website](#) for information on all services offered by the ACS unit.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in the Philippines enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) at [www.Travel.State.Gov](http://www.Travel.State.Gov). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State [Department's website](#), where you can find current [Travel Warnings](#), including the [Travel Warning for the Philippines](#), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for the Philippines](#). For additional information, refer to "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.